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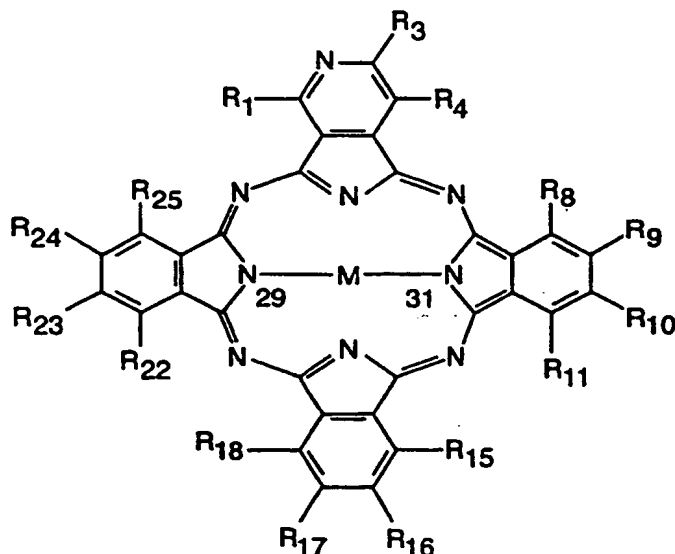
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(57) Abstract

Disclosed are compounds of Formula (I) as shown in Fig 1(b), wherein: M is selected from: a metal atom; a metal compound; 2H whereby one H is bonded to each of the two nitrogen atoms depicted as being bonded to M (positions 29 and 31 shown), and wherein: one or more of the Q groups is selected from: formula (II) (Fig 1(c)) or formula (III), with the remaining Q groups each being formula (IV) (Fig 1(e)); wherein: R₃₃ and R₃₄ are independently selected from: H or methyl; R₃₅ is selected from: H; C₁ to C₄ alkyl; C₂ to C₄ alkenyl; methoxy; butoxy; propoxy; NH₂; NH-(C₁ to C₄ alkyl); N-(C₁ to C₄ alkyl)₂; S-(C₁ to C₄ alkyl), each R_n and R_p group is independently selected from: C₁ to C₃₂ alkyl; C₂ to C₃₂ alkenyl; X-O-Y; X-phenyl; X²COOX¹; X²CONR¹R¹¹; H; halide, and wherein: X and X² are independently selected from: a chemical bond; -(CH₂)_n- wherein n is an integer from 1 to 32; -(CH₂)_a-CH=CH(CH₂)_b where a and b are independently selected from integers 0-32 and a+b totals 32, wherein X¹ and Y are independently selected from: C₁ to C₃₂ alkyl; C₂ to C₃₂ alkenyl; H; R¹ and R¹¹ are independently selected from: H; C₁ to C₃₂ alkyl; C₂ to C₃₂ alkenyl; -(CH₂)_n-; with the proviso that where more than one Q is Formula (II) with the remaining Q group being Formula (IV), at least one group independently selected from: R₃₃, R₃₄, R₃₅, an R_n group, an R_p group, is not H. Such compounds have novel properties, particularly as regards their absorption spectra, solubility, or ability to form dimers under certain conditions. Applications for such compounds are also discussed including their use in PDT, LCS, LCDs, laser addressed applications, optical recording media, sensors, Langmuir-Blodgett films, molecular wires, photonic devices, redox applications and polyelectrolytes. The compounds may be utilised in as dimers, higher oligomers or polymers.



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